

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING POINT REYES FARMSTEAD CHEESE COMPANY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company on the occasion of the company's recognition by Sand County Foundation, the California Farm Bureau Federation and Sustainable Conservation as the recipient of the prestigious 2013 California Leopold Conservation Award. Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary landowner achievement in voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources.

Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company and its owners, the Giacomini Family, have prioritized healthy landscapes, clean waterways and a clean-energy future. Rotational grazing of their cows keeps soils healthy and helps prevent harmful erosion, and their methane digester produces renewable energy to power their dairy and cheese facility.

Please join me in congratulating the Giacomini and Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company on this important recognition and for the lasting impact their conservation policies will have on California's ranching community and its environment.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and its 2014 theme—Civil Rights in America, focusing on the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This year's theme reflects on the many courageous individuals who fought for an end to discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Through the passage of the Civil Rights Act, discrimination was outlawed in public facilities including restaurants and hotels, ending the era of legal segregation in such establishments.

Leading up to the passage of the Civil Rights Act, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the Civil Rights March on Washington fighting for, amongst other ideals, meaningful civil rights legislation, including better employment opportunities and an end to segregation. This historic event led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which paved the way for future anti-discrimination legislation, including the Voting Rights Act of 1965. While there is more work to be done, we must follow in the footsteps of the great leaders of the Civil

Rights Movement in order to ensure that every American is afforded equal opportunity and justice.

This month and always, it is important that we honor and celebrate America's greatest advocates for equal rights and civil liberties, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Dubois, and Thurgood Marshall, and to remember the extraordinary contributions of organizations including the NAACP, the National Urban League, and the Congress for Racial Equality, as well as many others which have played such a critical role in changing the landscape of American society for the better. As we pay tribute to these heroes of African American history, let us remember their profound perseverance, sacrifice, and struggle in the fight for freedom and equality which has shaped our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating Black History Month and honoring those who fought, and those who continue to fight, for civil rights and justice. Through the efforts of these honorable individuals, we are reminded how far we have come as a nation, while realizing there is still progress to be made.

HONORING HARRISON RAMSDEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Harrison Ramsden. Harrison is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Harrison has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Harrison has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Harrison has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Harrison Ramsden for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE FLOYD ADAMS

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Honorable Floyd

Adams, Jr. of Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Adams was a long time leader in our community, and I was fortunate to work closely with him for many years. Floyd was the first African-American mayor of Savannah, holding office from 1996 until 2003.

Floyd began his career running the Savannah Herald, a weekly newspaper covering the African-American community in Savannah that his father started in 1945. He found his calling in public service and ran for the Savannah City Council in 1982. He represented the First District on the City Council until 1995, when he decided to run for mayor of Savannah. He won the election, becoming the 63rd mayor of Georgia's oldest city and taking command during an important time in Savannah's history. He ran again in 1999, facing no opposition and serving the city and its great people until 2003, when term limits prevented him from running again.

Floyd came into office in January of 1996 as the city prepared to do its part in the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. Though the games were hosted in Atlanta, Savannah was the location of all sailing competitions. He witnessed an incredible expansion of Savannah's tourism industry, thanks in part to the success of John Berendt's bestseller "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." He also led Savannah through the troubles of 1999's Hurricane Floyd, which caused mass evacuations throughout the Southeast. His leadership through times both good and bad should not be forgotten.

After his time as mayor, Floyd remained involved in Savannah politics. In 2008, he ran for the District 2 seat on the Savannah-Chatam County School Board and won. Floyd's continued support of Savannah and his unfailing determination to make the city a better place inspired many in our community. We all can learn from his example.

The Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr. died February 1, 2014. He was, and still is, an inspiration to the people of Savannah. He will be remembered as a fair and courageous leader. I am truly honored to be able to recognize the Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr. today, and I consider myself lucky to have called him a friend. He will be deeply missed by his community, friends, and family.

JOHN B. "JACK" NEWKIRK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud John B. "Jack" Newkirk for his induction into the Jefferson County Business Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding area businesses, individuals, organizations and civic leaders from the past and present that have significantly impacted and contributed to the Jefferson County community.

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